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**DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

*Science and Technology Advisory Panel*

31 August 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]  
Office of the DCI

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FROM: [redacted]  
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Background Material for the 6-7 September 1984 STAP Meeting

Attached is a copy of the agenda for the forthcoming STAP meeting, along with a summary of the topics to be considered by the Panel. I have also enclosed a list of the current membership and a resume of the Panel's mission and functions. The meeting will be chaired by [redacted] --the first since his recent selection as Chairman. The sessions will also mark [redacted] first meeting as a STAP member. The Director is scheduled to meet with the Panel at 1400 hours, 7 September 1984, in Room 1S06 (first floor conference room)

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If I can be of further assistance, please call me at [redacted]

Attachments:

- a. SC 06300-84
- b. STAP Membership List
- c. STAP Resume
- d. Meeting Agenda

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Summary of Topics  
for the Quarterly  
Plenary Session of the DCI's  
Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP)  
6-7 September 1984

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The Information Explosion

Again, because of DDCI interest, STAP will initiate a review of issues best subsumed under the general heading of "the information explosion." Specific concerns center on programs to deal with the challenges and difficulties posed by the expanding wealth of raw data available for analysis (especially of S&T-related topics). The Panel will look at major disciplines such as HUMINT, IMINT, and SIGINT, with an eye to gauging whether we have the right programs in mind, and wrestling ultimately with the question of what the answer to this problem is. Initial briefings on HUMINT and SIGINT issues will be received at the September meeting. (S)

Non-Acoustic ASW

The Panel will continue its examination of this important topic. The focus of discussion will be on Soviet efforts in this area, and will include presentations from NSA, CIA, and Navy. (S)

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STAP Procedures

With a new Chairman in the seat, STAP will review how it functions, paying particular attention to spelling out procedures and methods for completing actions. (U)

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### *Science and Technology Advisory Panel*

#### STAP RESUME

The Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) was formed by the Director of Central Intelligence in 1976. It serves the DCI as a source of independent advice and expertise on a variety of scientific, technical, and management issues. The membership includes renowned senior scientists, executives, and other leaders from industry and academe.

The STAP meets quarterly in plenary session where, inter alia, formal briefings are presented, reports approved, and direct consultation with the DCI is effected. At other times small working groups or sub-panels are formed to respond to DCI tasking, address specific issues, and provide STAP participation in technical studies or other ongoing projects.

The STAP also responds to requests for assistance from any Deputy Director or senior line manager who believes a STAP member's expertise may contribute to resolving a difficult technical intelligence problem. STAP assistance may be in the form of an informal discussion, a written memorandum, or a formal study or report signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the DCI.

Principal functions of the STAP include:

- To insure the DCI and senior Intelligence Community managers are forewarned of significant advances in state-of-the-art technology and in new applications of existing technology.
- To identify and highlight the implications of current and future S&T developments for intelligence activity.
- To provide linkages and interactions between the intelligence community and the scientific and technical communities in industry, academe, and government, as appropriate.
- To provide a quality control mechanism; an outside source for objective evaluation of current and planned S&T-related intelligence activity.
- To review evidence on existing S&T intelligence "enigmas" and to introduce new thinking and suggest avenues for solving these unknowns.

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STAP Meeting  
Thursday, 6 September 1984

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0830-0900	Check in and Administration	<div></div> (STAP Executive Secretary)	25X1
0900-0930	STAP Procedure	<div></div> (C/STAP)	STAT
0930-1030	<div></div>	<div></div> (OSWR)	25X1
1030-1130	The Information Explosion (SIGINT)	<div></div> (C/SIGINT Committee)	25X1
1130-1300	Lunch	Guest: Dr. George A. Keyworth (Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy)	
1300-1400	<div></div>	<div></div> (NSA)	25X1
1400-1500	<div></div>	Mr. Richard Haver Lt. Dave Cooney, USN (Navy)	25X1
1500-1600	<div></div>	<div></div> (CIA)	25X1
1600-1630	General Discussion	Mr. Herbert E. Meyer (Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council)	
1800-2100	Cocktails and Dinner Blackhorse Tavern Washington, DC	Guest: <div></div> (Executive Director, CIA)	STAT

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STAP Meeting  
Friday, 7 September 1984

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0830-0900 Check in and Administration

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0900-1015 The Information Explosion  
(HUMINT)

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(C/HUMINT Committee)

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1015-1130

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1130-1300 Lunch

Guest:  
Miss Eloise Page  
(Deputy Director,  
Intelligence Community Staff)

1300-1400 Executive Session  
Preparation for Meeting with DCI

STAP Members  
and Planning Group

1400-1500 Executive Session  
Consultation with the DCI

Mr. William J. Casey

1500-1600 Review actions and schedule  
next meeting

STAP Members